

## **MEDIA RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **CARCLEW ANNOUNCES RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS**

#### *SUPPORTING SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EARLY CAREER ARTISTS DURING COIVID 19*

Carclew today announced once-off **Rapid Response Grants**, with up to \$2,500 per application available to South Australian artists to assist in navigating their practice during the current COVID 19 pandemic.

Rapid Response Grants (RRG) replace Carclew's customary September round of Project & Development Grants (individuals). They are available to young artists, 26 years and under, and respond to the immediate need to support and sustain the South Australian young and emerging artists during this time of hardship.

Artists who have had contracts, performances, tours or exhibitions cancelled or postponed as a result of current restrictions will be the priority. The funding will support artists working to re-design a project, deepen their practice, or extend professional skills and knowledge.

Carclew Chief Executive, Tricia Walton, said that Carclew's Rapid Response Grants will support young artists during this enforced shutdown, in the hope that when the doors do re-open, their practice is stronger than ever.

*"The Rapid Response Grants offer financial relief for many artists struggling to keep their practice alive during these difficult times,"* said Ms Walton

*"Artists might choose to utilise this funding for an unplanned sabbatical or incubator to develop work while isolated from others. Alternatively, the grant could be used to support artists to explore the possibilities of presenting their work online, expanding their audience. We want to support early career artists who have had their plans impacted by the current restrictions."*

Carclew's **Rapid Response Grants** are now open and will close on Thursday 30 April.

#### **RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS, KEY DATES**

Applications open: NOW

Applications close 11:59pm (ACST) Thursday, 30 April 2020.

Notification of outcome: 7 May 2020.

Projects must be completed by 30 June 2021.

For eligibility, applications and further information please visit:

[carclew.com.au/Funding-Program/rapid-response-grant](http://carclew.com.au/Funding-Program/rapid-response-grant)

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